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## Baptism of Fire!

From Queen To Beretania  
And From Nuuanu  
To The River.

## ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE FIERY ELEMENT.

## Thrilling Scenes And Descriptions.

## A Full Report. Notes, Incidents, Etc., Etc., Etc.

At five minutes of 4 P. M. yesterday a fire broke out in the building opposite Anin's coffee shop on Hotel street. China Co. No. 5 was almost immediately on hand, and got first water; No. 2 got water next and No. 1 was unable to get water for some time. In three minutes the fire was under full way and it became apparent that nothing could save the building. At the same time the adjoining buildings on each side caught fire and the hose was aimed to save them.

## VAIN ATTEMPT.

Water but added to the fuel and the street was stiflingly hot. Citizens of all degrees, gallant tars from our visiting ships, officers and marines, worked shoulder to shoulder. Grapnel hooks and ropes at which all tugged with a will, came into free play.

## A WILD SCENE.

The most intense excitement prevailed. Half-frantic Chinamen were working with the most desperate energy to save their little all. The street was full of a jostling crowd carrying every conceivable article, from a mattress to a tom tom. At 4:15 P. M. the buildings in the rear as well as the building opposite were wrapped in flames, and the heart of the lightest sank like lead. By 4:30 P. M. it was evident that no amount of water could save the first building which took fire. At 4:38 P. M.

## A SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS.

testified to the fact that China bombs formed part of the stock in trade. The flames leaped higher and wilder, and efforts all along the street toward Maunakea were redoubled to save property from the all devouring fiend. The fire "laddies" made a desperate effort to save Anin's place, but without avail. At 4:15 the fire, in the rear of where it originated, was making terrific havoc. The building at the left was being devoured by the flames. The gallant firemen dashed into the building, playing havoc with goods, but at 4:17 they were forced to retreat, and now a most SINGULAR OCCURRENCE

took place. The nozzle of the hose was torn from the grasp of the man who held it and like the gun described by Victor Hugo in '93 became instant with life. Daring efforts were made to secure it, but it evaded the quickest attempt. It swung this way and that with sufficient violence to break limbs or crush in the skull. At length, however, it was captured and made to do legitimate duty. At 4:20 the second building on the mauka side toward Maunakea was a sheet of flame, and forked flames leaped from the roof of the third. The hose was played with no effect on these buildings at 4:22; and now the high building toward Fort street was in a blaze. At 5:25 the building next the corner from Anin's toward Fort street took fire.

## NO. 1 HOSE

was turned on this new adversary

when all at once the hose sprang a leak, and was rendered useless for a time. At 4:30 more bombs burst and accelerated the conflagration; at 4:32 the flames on both sides of Hotel street were beyond control. Efforts were now concentrated on the corner buildings on Maunakea street. At 4:34 the stable caught the blaze and horses were rushed out with all possible speed. By this time the fire had reached

## MAUNAKEA STREET.

At 4:37 a strong gust of wind carried cinders and even fire brands to assist in the destructive march of the flames which were also making headway up Smith's Lane. And now ensued a scene which

## RAFFLES DESCRIPTION.

The instinct of self-preservation seemed to have bereft the dwellers of Maunakea street of all presence of mind. Terror and despair seemed to have added years to their age. Hastily they caught up every article they could and ran they knew not whither. Many of Honolulu's young men were nobly assisting them, and men worth thousands of dollars, actuated by a sympathy, which on such an occasion rises above the social distinction of caste and wealth, were seen working like Trojans for men who were not worth as many cents. At 4:48 the building on Maunakea, opposite Hotel fell into line. The street was now filled with burning debris so as to be impassable. One Chinaman was carrying a mattress on his back. A firebrand about the size of a printer's stick fell on it. The pagan trudged on with his beacon unconsciously for a time, but finally becoming aware that he had become an agent for the dissemination of fire, dropped it with a whoop of terror and reached Beretania street in unprecedented time.

## AN IMMENSE CARAVAN

was now in procession across Smith's Bridge. At 4:45 the wind went down. Maunakea street was flooded with burning debris, and passage beyond Hotel street was out of the question. The firemen fought the advancing flames inch by inch from Hotel toward Beretania. Along Beretania street confusion reigned supreme. Men, women, barrows, and even hacks, were conscripted for common carriers. The yard and steps of the Kamakapili Church were thronged with people and piled with chattels. At 4:55 Smith street was reduced in length about one-quarter. At 5 P. M. another breeze sprang up which soon died out.

## A "MOVING SCENE"

was taking place on Beretania street which could discount the first of May in New York. Queen Emma's yard was also a confused jumble of humanity and goods. Nuuanu street had now joined in the conflagration.

## MARSHAL PARKE

was working with the coolness and decision which characterizes him, to confine the fire to the west side of Nuuanu street when the Press reporter arrived. The buildings at the corner below Hollister's old place were yielding to the sturdy strokes of our British friends, who demolished a building with grapnels and axes almost as quickly as the fire does. At 5:07 amid the most desperate battling with the fiery adversary, dwellers and property owners rushed out every article that could be handled. At 5:15 the flames had advanced to and unfolded the American House and extended in a straight line to Smith's lane. On the opposite side the devouring element had been equally active. The air was now vocal with exploding bombs. At 5:24 the fire had reached the old Hollister building and leaping upward had caught the cornice. Hotel street on both sides, from Nuuanu to Maunakea, had succumbed to the destroyer and the Cosmopolitan Hotel was rapidly becoming nothing. The heat was perfectly terrific. Ropes were stretched to exclude all but officers, firemen and representatives of the press.

## HIS MAJESTY

forgetting for the time his royalty and remembering only his humanity was actively superintending the transfer of prisoners and effects from the Station House on King street. At 5:30 the flames had caught the Nuuanu frontage of

## THE EMPIRE SALOON,

and about a dozen men were on top of the building working the hose. At 5:40 flames were noticed through the closed shutters of the old Hollister building. The interior was soon a prey to the relentless fiend. At the same time the fire had made such progress with the Empire and adjoining buildings that the men on the roof were obliged to descend and descend. Ineffectual attempts were made to extinguish the fire in Hollister's building but the shutters which kept the fire in also kept the water out.

His Majesty accompanied by a detachment under command of Captain Haley arrived on Maunakea and ordered the demolition of the Eureka House and adjacent structures to confine the northward march of the flames. The wisdom of this course has since become apparent. At 5:53 the scene on Maunakea street was one of terrible splendor. Buildings were falling toward the street on both sides and the road bed was covered deep with blazing embers. The fire was advancing on both sides as far as the Eureka House. At 6:07 both sides of Nuuanu street makai of Hotel were in flames. Active preparation went forward for blowing up the buildings adjacent to and untouched by fire. At 5:15 the

## BRITISH TARS

demolished Tong Hop's building. The fire had now foreclosed its mortgage on

the Empire Saloon, but it became evident that the line of devastation would be drawn at the alley way of the International Hotel. Nevertheless people kept on moving out. Nuuanu street was a wreck both sides from Hotel to King.

## THE CHINA CLUB BUILDING

on King below Nuuanu was afire inside and the flames were already menacing the brick building where Nowlein's Saloon is located. Bethel church-yard, which had been a receptacle for valuables was now a scene of the greatest bustle; for it became patent that the conflagration which is no respecter of creeds would soon claim this as one of its victims. Furniture was rapidly carted away. The fire king was rapidly taking his way toward the Fish Market and the Fish Market was rapidly deciding to be "not at home." On King street the fire had advanced toward the river as far as the Josh House and that was soon included in its all engulfing embrace. All hope of stopping the fire before it reached the river was now abandoned. Scores of people wrapped in apathetic despair watched the demolition of their homes.

## ALONG THE RIVER

people stood guard over their wares with apprehensive glances at the oncoming desolator. The river itself was one seething mass of human beings, tables, beds, boxes, dogs, etc. Mothers carrying their little ones threw themselves without hesitation into the water. Tables inverted served as improvised ferries. At 6:30 the Bethel Church was conceded to be lost. Mossman's building looked down in solitary grandeur at buildings all around fast succumbing. The Anchor saloon was on fire, and the Station House, wrapped in a mantle of glory, was about to fall. Mr. Davis' goods were all over the sidewalk. A fearful conflagration raged back of it. Lurid flames ascended skyward, embracing the sinuous smoke. It now became evident that the fire would make a clean sweep to the river. Progress northward being impossible, the Press reporter was forced to retrace his steps. Where he had been forced to thread his way he now found a clear passage. The most active razing and demolishing had taken place.

## THAT OLD LANDMARK,

the Bethel Church, around which clusters so many historic associations, was now enveloped in flames. As it had in the past shed its light on many a troubled path, so now in its robes of fire it seemed to dispense the surrounding darkness. Brave old Church! The flames which leveled your walls were powerless against your splendid history and grand achievements.

At 7:20 the fire had extended to the foundry, but no fears were entertained for its safety. Wing Wo Tai's store was on fire in the roof, and shortly after the rafters of Wing Wo Chan's building were blazing. Telephone poles had fallen in every direction, and the wires were trailed along the streets. At 7:25 preparations were made to blow up the Sailors' Home, and people in the vicinity were warned to "stand from under." Along Queen street buildings were being gutted. A shed belonging to the foundry was destroyed.

## A GREAT EXPLOSION

told the assault of dynamite on the walls of the Sailors' Home. At 7:48 Castle & Cooke's sign fell with a loud crash on the awning below and the buildings toward the street fell, being assisted to their descent by the united efforts of our weather-beaten friends from the Satellite and Heroine. At 7:45 o'clock the China Club House was still standing, flames bursting out of windows and lingering caressingly around its walls.

## AN EXCITING SCENE

was going on at the old Hollister building. Dauntless firemen penetrated the building and threw cold water on the performance, and intrepid natives, directed by Mr. Dodd, darted in and emerged bearing sheets of corrugated iron and merchandise. At 8:40 the geographical limits of the fire were settled. It had traversed Hotel from the alley way at the International Hotel to its intersection with Maunakea; it had extended on Nuuanu to and including the old Hollister building; from thence a northwesterly line to Maunakea defined its ravages; from thence a westerly line to the river. It was allowed a clean sweep to the river except in the southwestern part of the town.

## THE TRUE CAUSE OF THE FIRE

is as yet unknown. It is impossible at this time to adequately estimate the loss, but it will probably exceed \$1,000,000. Four thousand people are in all likelihood rendered homeless.

## INCIDENTS AND NOTES.

Several arrests were made for plundering. The cylinder blew out of No. 2 fire engine.

About four o'clock the Station house bell was rung to release the prisoners. The King's Own commenced work at the International Hotel at 6 o'clock. Kaunakapili Church vestry is thrown over for use and the interior as well as the yard of the church is full of slumbering natives.

Messrs. Castle & Cooke prudently removed the powder stored in their building to avert possible disastrous consequences.

An old San Francisco fireman named Delaney was injured by a falling piece of iron while working at the Hollister building.

It will but echo the universal sentiment, however, in saying that Honolulu owes a debt of gratitude to the gallant officers, marines and sailors of

the visiting men of war, for their generous assistance.

Merchant vessels, steamers and schooners moored along the wharves above the Oceanic wharf hauled out into the stream.

Squads of firemen under the supervision of the Chief and Assistant Engineers were throwing water on the smouldering embers. The fire has done its worst.

A later account of the origin of the fire is furnished by an eye witness, who says it started in a China cook house, back of the building before mentioned.

It cannot be ascertained at present writing how much of this great loss is covered by insurance, but an early statement is promised, and a schedule will then be published.

Special praise seems invidious where all worked so nobly and untiringly. It is an impossibility for a reporter to see everything. What he did see reflected credit on all participating.

It is rumored that a dead body was extracted by Dr. Emerson from a building on Hotel street. A Chinawoman and a Chinese doctor are also reported dead—the latter from fright. These reports need confirmation.

One of these men performed an act of daring that borders on recklessness. The explosion had taken place at the Sailors' Home, when an officer asked him if he could stop another charge. For reply he darted forward and cut off a piece of fuse close up. He returned and showed a piece measuring about two inches!

A visit to the scene of desolation at 1:40 A. M. showed that the track and area of the burnt section was nearly as before described. Commencing above Hollister's old building on Nuuanu the boundary line runs north-westerly to Maunakea at a point 210 feet from Beretania. A number of houses remain standing along the river's bank to King. On King street itself, mauka side, one house stands in its entirety next to the bridge, and the walls of one adjoining partially burned.

On the other side of the river the banks are strewn with many forms—homeless and with no roof above them save the vault of heaven, courting forgetfulness of what will recur to their waking moments with bitterness and grief. Here and there are some cheerful spirits who try to infuse their own happy feelings into their desponding companions, with the tinkling accompaniment of the inspiring guitar. No cloud can obscure their sun, and no fire can burn out the hope which animates their whole existence.

As we go to press the engines are still playing on the expiring embers.

## DIED.

KAPENA—In Honolulu, April 18th, Mrs. Emma A. Kapena, beloved wife of J. M. Kapena, aged 39 years, 8 months and 9 days.

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193-1W

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**CHAS. R. WILSON.**  
Honolulu, March 29, 1886. 179-1M

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172-2M

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Tenders to include prices for mess-beef and for table cuts separately. Delivery to be made not later than six o'clock A. M. daily. Accounts to be settled quarterly.  
**S. B. DOLE,**  
Trustee of the Lunallilo Estate.  
Honolulu, April 14, 1886. 192-101

## Removal.

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**S. B. DOLE,**  
Trustee of the Lunallilo Estate.  
Honolulu, January 15, 1886. 116-1F

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HONOLULU, April 13, 1886. 193-1M

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